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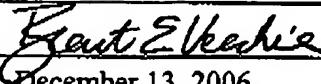
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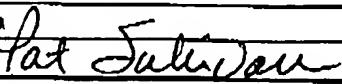
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CAPABILITY INTO METAL
DEPOSITION OR CMP TOOL**

Examiner: Mai, Anh D.

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APPLICANT INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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This Applicant Interview Summary is filed in response to the Interview conducted with the Examiner in the above-identified case in accordance with 37 CFR 1.133 and MPEP 713.04.

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The date of the interview was 13 November 2006, the time of the interview was about 1:00 PM MST. The participants in the interview were Examiner Anh Mai and Brent E. Vecchia. The interview was telephonic. No exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted.

The claims discussed were 55, 68, 69, and 77. The general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner were as described below and in the Interview Summary form completed by the Examiner.

Applicants had asked the Examiner to further explain his objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a), his statement that the "metal deposition chamber to deposit metal layers on wafers", and his assertion that this must be shown or the features cancelled from the claims. Examiner was unable to recall why he made this objection or statement. Applicants asserted that the metal deposition chamber to deposit metal layers on wafers is in fact shown in the drawings. Applicants pointed the Examiner to electroplating chambers 212 in Figure 2. Applicants also explained that it is well known that metal deposition chambers, such as electroplating tools, may deposit layers on wafers. For this reason, Applicants asserted that there should be no requirement to specifically show a metal layer on a wafer. Examiner further agreed that since he could not recall why he made the objection he would not allow the application to go abandoned if Applicants failed to comply (in his judgment) with this objection.

Applicants asserted that the Examiner seems to have ignored the act performed by the robot of moving the wafers having the metal layers deposited thereon from the metal deposition chambers directly to the annealing chamber shortly after the metal layers have been deposited on the wafers. Applicants asserted that it is inappropriate for the Examiner to simply ignore these limitations. Stating that the robot is "to" do this means that the robot has software or other logic to cause it to do this. In contrast, the robot discussed in Henley does not have this logic to cause the robot to perform this act.

The general result or outcome of the interview was that the Examiner agreed that since he could not recall why he made the objection he would not allow the application to go abandoned if Applicants failed to comply (in his judgment) with this objection. No agreement as to the allowability of the claims was reached.

No fee is believed to be due. However, please charge any needed extension of time or other needed fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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